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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN SALVADOR 1082

E.O. 11652 - GDS

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SUBJECT: SALVADORAN REACTION TO GUATEMALAN ELECTIONS

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1. LOCAL REACTION TO MARCH 3 GUATEMALAN ELECTIONS HAS BEEN LIMITED AND RESTRAINED, IN PART BECAUSE OF SALVADORANS' PREOCCUPATION WITH THEIR OWN ELECTIONS, HELD ON MARCH 10. IN ADDITION, THE LOCAL PRESS, WHICH AS A RULE AVOIDS COMMENTING ON NATIONAL POLITICS, IS PROBABLY ESPECIALLY RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS ALLEGATIONS OF FRAUD WHICH RESEMBLE THOSE MADE BY THE OPPOSITION PARTIES HERE. MOST EDITORIAL COMMENT APPEARED WITHIN A WEEK AFTER THE GUATEMALAN VOTING AND PRAISED THE CAMPAIGN AS ORDERLY AND PEACEFUL. THUS FAR ONLY THE REDABAITING DIARIO DE MOY HAS COMMENTED DIRECTLY ON THE OFFICIAL RESULTS, INTERPRETING LAUGERUD'S ELECTION AS A REJECTION OF "SUBVERSION." ONE OF ITS COLUMNISTS DENOUNCED THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS AS "FELLOW TRAVELERS" IN THE OPPOSITION FRONT DIRECTED BY INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM. HE REJECTED ALL ELLEGATIONS OF FRAUD AS THE OPPOSITION'S ATTEMPT TO OBSCURE THE REAL CAUSES OF ITS FAILURE

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AT THE POLLS.

2. THE GOES AND THE OFFICIAL PARTY (PCN) PRIVATELY VIEWED THE GUATEMALAN ELECTIONS WITH SOME CONCERN, FEARING THAT GOG RECOGNITION OF A RIOS MONTT VICTORY COULD COMPLICATE THE INTERNAL SITUATION HERE. UNDOUBTEDLY, THEY WERE GREATLY RELIEVED BY THE NEWS THAT LAUGERUD HAD BEEN AWARDED THE VICTORY. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE OPPOSITION FRONT, LED BY THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC), HOPED THAT A CD VICTORY IN GUATEMALA WOULD BUOY ITS OWN CHANCES IN EL SALVADOR. NEVERTHELESS, IT HAS ACCEPTED WITH APPARENT RESIGNATION THE DESIGNATION OF LAUGERUD AS THE WINNER. THIS IS ONE MORE INDICATION OF THE TENUOUSNESS OF THE TIES THAT BIND LA CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS AND OF THEIR INCREASINGLY STRONG TENDENCY TO DEFINE THEIR FORTUNES IN NATIONAL TERMS.

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